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Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/547,595 filed on April 11, 2000 for **Stable Aqueous Surfactant Compositions**.

Applicants claim the benefit of the earlier filing date of the prior application United States Serial No. 09/547,595 filed on April 11, 2000 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121.

Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application as originally filed and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

	<u>No. Filed</u>	<u>No. Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Basic fee				\$750
Total claims	54 - 20 =		x 18 =	\$972
Independent claims	5 - 3 =		x 84 =	\$168
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,890</b>

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Cancel in this application original claims 1 and 2, 6 and 7, and 48 to 51 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee so that only claims 3 to 5, 8 to 47, and 52 to 62 remain.

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment submitted as a separate document herewith.

Transfer the drawings from the prior copending application U.S.S.N. 09/547,595, filed on April 11, 2000, to this application.

The prior application is assigned of record to Noveon IP Holdings Corp., 9911 Brecksville Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44141-3247.

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I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/547,595 as originally filed on April 11, 2000.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his or her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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